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Presidential inauguration planned for April

TJC will celebrate new president with full day of events

By Cody Lillich
News Editor

Tyler Junior College is getting ready to formally introduce its newest president.

Dr. Michael Metke is expected to be inaugurated in a series of events on Friday, April 4.

A Delegate Luncheon will be held at Noon at Willow Brook Country Club in Tyler. Metke's inauguration will be held at 3p.m. at Wagstaff Gymnasium.

A reception will follow in the afternoon at the Rogers Student Center Apache Rooms.

Metke was selected following a national search and began at TJC on Dec. 1, 2007. Metke comes to



Photo courtesy TJC Public Information

TJC after Dr. William Crowe retired on October 1. Metke earned a doctorate of University of Houston and comes to Tyler after serving as president of Lake Washington Technical College near Seattle, Wash. since 1999.

Metke was born in Wisconsin and is an avid outdoorsman. He has climbed some of the highest peaks and is hoping to take TJC to the next level.



Women's soccer coming to Tyler Junior College

By Polly d'Avignon
Editor in Chief

The women's locker room and coach's office at the Pat Hartley Soccer Complex will finally be occupied this fall following the decision to add women's soccer as Tyler Junior College's 11th sports team.

"The addition of women's soccer has been discussed since I arrived here in 1999," said Dr. Tim Drain, TJC athletic director. "[The idea] gained steam when we were designing the Pat Hartley Complex in 2004. That building was designed with a women's locker room and coaches office, so the intent to add the sport was strong."

The new team will compete in NJCAA Division I, allowing TJC to offer full and partial athletic scholarships to players.

Women's soccer will round out TJC's current athletic lineup of women's basketball, golf, tennis and volleyball as well as men's basketball, baseball, football, golf, soccer and tennis.

While men's coach Steve Clements will serve as interim coach of the women's team, Drain is eager to find someone to fill the spot permanently.

"TJC has opened the search for a women's coaching candidate, and we are accepting candidates right now," said Drain. "Our goal

is to find someone with the academic and athletic credentials necessary for the job. I would like to find someone very soon."

In addition to coaching the team, the new coach will also serve as an instructor of health and kinesiology.

Though the addition of a Division I team will mean additional scholarships will be offered to female students, Drain said this should not affect the baseball team which currently competes at the non-scholarship Division III level.

TJC Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Austin Lane believes the new team will further fulfill TJC's second promise.

"We look forward to the opportunity to have more women athletes on our campus and to adding another phase of opportunity to our vibrant student life," said Lane.

Drain said the interim coaching staff has already begun to search for soccer players for the new team.

"My assumption is we will find women's players in a similar process as our men's program," said Drain. "We do occasionally have transfers from four year colleges, we have club players, we have high school players and we have international players."

Prospective players for the 2008 season are encouraged to contact Coach Clements at 903-510-2687.

TJC reinstates 'Maymester' courses

Short-term classes help students get more credit hours

By Ryan Chriss
Staff Writer

For the first time in four years, Tyler Junior College will offer 'Maymester' courses this summer.

Maymester is a compressed class schedule of four weeks. The compressed timeline allows a student to get, a semester's worth of credits for the class in a shorter time period, but not without the work.

"These classes aren't for everyone. These classes will take a more dedicated student because, you are doing a semester's worth of work, in a four week period," said Dr. Fernando Figueroa, dean of University Studies at TJC.

Register for Maymester courses March 14 - May 14

"The turnout for this minimester, as it is known as at many other college, is expected to be good," as well as "There was no shortage of teachers that were willing to teach these classes," He added

The name Maymester just comes from the month that most of the classes in the Maymester take place.

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Dropping drama

Examining potential perils of dropping classes

By Jessica Swink
Photo Editor

There are several reasons as to why a student may drop a class.

Not understanding the material, low grades, not enough time for the course, stress, etc. However, no matter the reason, the Texas Legislature has passed a bill limiting the number of classes a student can drop. According to <http://www.texased.wordpress.com>, the 80th Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 1231 limiting the number of courses an institution of higher learning may allow an undergraduate student to drop. SB 1231 will affect any student enrolled as a first-time freshman at all Texas universities and colleges, which began in the fall 2007 semester.

The bill requires the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to adopt and enforce

new rules established in the bill. The coordinating board defines a "dropped course" as a course an undergraduate student at an institution of higher education has enrolled in for credit but did not complete.

The new rules prohibit an institution of higher education from allowing a student to drop more than six courses during their undergraduate program, including any courses a transfer student has dropped at another university.

Matt Phelps, an academic advisor at Tyler Junior College, thinks that the bill will help students think more clearly when registering for classes. He said,

"In my opinion, when a student drops, it will be a positive or negative experience for them depending on their situation. In the past, drops have been viewed as an 'easy out' of classes that seemed too hard for some students. Now with

the new drop policy, the Legislature is forcing to students to make smarter choices when they register, so that they will not have to drop in the future."

Marcie Randolph, a sophomore at TJC, is not affected by the bill, but disagrees with it all the same.

"In some cases, I think dropping classes can help students," she said. "For instance, I dropped a class two semesters ago because I had too much on me already. But when I took the class again last semester, I had an idea of how the teacher taught the class, and what to expect from it."

In many cases, a drop from a class can be a positive thing. However, a drop can also set a student back.

"There are a few times when students have dropped a class and have regretted that decision for one reason or another," Phelps

elaborated. "For those students who are contemplating the decision to drop a course, I would tell them, to talk with their instructor before they come to see an advisor. That instructor is the only person on campus who will know exactly how a student is performing in the classroom and will be able to tell that student what they will need to do to successfully pass their course. If students would reach out to their instructors, they will find that more often than not, they will be able to successfully complete a course they might have been struggling in."

Sometimes, a student can't help, or has no choice but to drop a class. With the passing of Senate Bill 1231, dropping classes may seem like a difficult choice to make. However, if a student makes reasonable decisions when registering, the less classes they will have to drop.



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Election season brings up same old issues

While thinking about what I wanted to write for this issue, I was also listening to coverage of Barack Obama's speech Monday morning where he addressed recent coverage of his former pastor's political views which had been heralded in the media as "anti-American."

Though Obama's campaign staff must certainly have urged him to distance himself in anyway possible from the negative spotlight, I admire the stance he took in his speech, a stance which declared it is possible to care for someone without agreeing with that person.

Obama talked about his white grandmother who played a large role in his upbringing and explained that even occasional racially hurtful comments from this caretaker did not cause him to change his feelings.

The other side of the coin in this case is how to deal with the hurtful remarks of someone you do not like at all. Do you fight the speaker or the words? Opposing the words and ideas is a right afforded every American by the first amendment, but opposing the speaker's right to say those words is dangerous.

This all reminded me of a rant I typed out four years ago during the last presidential campaign.

The following is an excerpt

from that rant. It may be a little dated in its political references but I think the message applies.

"I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

I've tried for years to follow this philosophy. Maybe it's a result of having a politically vocal mother. Maybe it's a result of the respect I have for the first amendment, gained during a lifetime of being around journalism.

In the final few days leading up to the presidential election, I've tried to pay attention to what political analysts are saying, watching the debates, actually stopping on

"Do you fight the speaker or the words?"

CSPAN for awhile when I'm channel surfing. And while I still feel that this election could very well positively effect the country, I grow weary of what I'm hearing.

I just stumbled upon Tom Delay addressing the House on the topic of gay marriage and wished I could throw something at him. He stood there and talked about how even though gay parents and single parents have successfully raised children that it is not the 'ideal' situation envisioned by our constitution and by our society.

Setting aside for a moment

Polly d'Avignon
the editor



that marriage cannot be boiled down to merely a means of child rearing, Delay has entirely undermined his own rhetoric by trying to describe the "ideal" situation for children.

If you ask me, the "ideal" situation is for children to live in a home where they are loved, where there is food and medicine, clean clothes and education. A traditional man-and-wife couple can provide this but so can a single parent, a gay couple, a grandparent, an older sibling, an unmarried couple or a foster or adopted family.

Time has only proven that the success of a family structure does not rest on the composition of the household, but on the effort and love of those in the home.

A gay couple in today's world works harder to become parents and are unlikely to do so unless they are truly dedicated to being parents and taking on all the joys and responsibilities that come with the territory.

A few years ago I read about a couple in Florida who took in a number of foster children with AIDS and other terminal illnesses. Other foster parents were reluctant to accept these children because of the addition financial and emotional stresses involved.

Yet though this particular couple knew from the moment

they met these children that they would live only for a few more years and would require lots of extra attention, they embraced them, excited to share their home and their love with these forgotten innocents.

After a few years, they knew that their time with a particular child was coming close to sad end and wished to adopt the child so that at least before the child died, she would know that not only was she loved, but that she was part of a real family, always.

But because the couple was gay, they were denied the opportunity to adopt the child. The state was fully willing to let them take the child home, feed her, clothe her, make sure she went to school, got medical treatment and love her, but would not let them call her their own.

It's true that it doesn't take a piece of paper signed by the state for a child to know that her parents are really her parents, just as it doesn't take a piece of paper for a couple to know that they love each other and are committed to one another.

There is so much hate in the world right now. Why shouldn't we do every single thing in our power to strengthen and encourage loving relationships?"

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April 1

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS play Temple College starting at 3 p.m.

The Music & Art Department presents **PRESIDIO BRASS** at Caldwell Auditorium starting at 7:30 p.m.

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MEN'S TENNIS plays Temple College starting at 3 p.m.

The TJC Art Club hosts **FREE MOVIE** and Discussion featuring "One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest" in Jenkins Hall's Art Department Lobby.

The Apache Belles will be debuting their spring show "Night at the Museum" starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Wise Auditorium.

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HAVE AN EVENT? E-mail your calendar items to tjcnews@tjc.edu. Submissions will run based on space available and timeliness of event.



The next best thing to being there

By Luke Clements
Staff Writer

Hudnall Planetarium is located at the heart of the TJC campus, directly south of the Pirtle Technology Building. Students get free admission with a valid student ID card, too.

Hudnall Planetarium recently celebrated Planets Weekend in February. The celebration also featured programs at UT Tyler's Cowan Center with the East Texas Symphony Orchestra, and at the Discovery Science Place in downtown Tyler. TJC's contribution to Planets Weekend came in the form of a program entitled "Mars: Fourth Planet."

"The shows this weekend were quite successful. Over 100 people attended, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves," said Tom Hooten, the Director of Hudnall Planetarium for over five years.

The programs ran for over an hour each, and featured information and discussions concerning Mars and its influences on our science and culture. Other topics discussed included potential habitation of Mars in the future and the possibility of Martian life.

"It was actually really entertaining. The information was presented very nicely, and I really liked the visuals. It was like going to an IMAX... in Tyler," says Fourth Planet attendee and TJC student Carie Roland.

Other shows include "Cowboy Astronauts," a program centered on many different myths and legends of the stars, and "Hubble: Images of the Infinite," which takes the guest on a tour of the universe through images gleaned from the multibillion dollar Hubble Space Telescope. The Hubble show will run April 12-13.

Hudnall Planetarium was originally built in 1963, and still uses the same projector that was initially installed. According to its website, the planetarium was built to act as a channel for education and science appreciation.

"On a normal basis, our main guests are elementary groups. For some of them, this will be their first and only exposure to Astronomy," said Hooten. "I hope that we have a positive and lasting impression on them."

For more information about the planetarium, visit its website at planetarium.tjc.edu.

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The Maymester starts on May 14. Registration begins on March 14 and ends on May 4.

"This is not a replacement to summer school which begins in June after the Maymester," said Figueroa. "This is an opportunity for students who are looking to transfer in the fall to a four-year school to get a few more credits if they don't have the time to wait and go through the six weeks of summer school."

Most of the classes being offered are general education class at this time, there will be no remedial classes offered in the Maymester. Many of the classes will be offered in the form of online classes as well as face-to-face classes.

For more information on the available classes contact the registrar or go to Apache Access or contact your academic advisor.

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campusSCENE



Photo by Faith Harper

TJC LVNs WALK FOR MS Over 300 people participated in the March 15 MS Walk at Bergfeld park and raised \$11,500. The TJC LVN team raised over \$4000. Pictured from left to right, Sharon Johnson, Victor Posada, Holli Benge, Tiffany Honea, Courtney Smith, Jeffery Youngblood, Jocelynn Hinton and Justin Hopkins.

Making dreams come true

By Kathryn Jenkins
Staff Writer

A small Tyler Junior College organization is making big dreams come true for terminally ill children.

The Wish Makers on campus is set up to grant wishes to terminally ill children from the ages of 2½ to 18 years old and is a campus-based branch of the worldwide Make a Wish Foundation.

The first step in the selection process is the referral of a child. Next the Make a Wish Foundation determine if the child's sickness is fatal, then a wish team is sent to get know the child's wish. Finally they make the child's wish come true.

"The Make A Wish Foundation chooses the child for our organization," Teresa Garner, co-president of the TJC's Wish Makers.

The is one of the first college campus branches of the world wide organization in Texas. The campus-based organization began in a leadership class.

TJC's Wish Makers' first wish was granted in the fall 2007 when the sent a 9-year-old boy and his family to Walt Disney World for Christmas.

The group raised money last semester in a variety of ways including waiting tables, working at football games and collecting donations.

"I started last semester with a goal of \$5,000," said Garner.

The local community is doing their part to help the students raise money to grant the wishes of the children.

"We are trying to get some corporations to sponsor us," said Lindsey Holley, co-president of the TJC's Wish Makers.

The Wish Makers is meltingpot because not only can students join, but faculty as well.

To join the club a person must be either a student or facility member, ad must attend at least tree meetings.

"TJC is made up of up of many kind of people, young and old," said Garner. "If we get 1,000 students it would make a masive impact on a child's life."

The new organization is small and is working to get more members in the months of April and May.

"Word of mouth and membership drives are some of the ways we plan on to help get more people involved and even the school paper," said Holley.

For more information about becoming a member a TJC's Wish Maker, go to Apache Access.

Meetings are held on the first Monday of every month at noon in room 248 in Pirtle.

News in Brief

TJC LINDALE CLASSROOM APPROVED

Tyler Junior College will soon be branching outside of Tyler.

The TJC Board of Trustees agreed February 28 to set up a classroom location in Lindale.

The classroom is slated to start in the Fall 2008 semester.

More details on the location and classes are expected to be decided in the coming weeks.

BAT ATTACKS WORKERS

Cleaning crews were forced to leave Pirtle Technology Building March 14.

The manager reported to Campus Safety officers his crew was being attacked by a bat on the third floor. There were no injuries and maintenance crews were notified of the special visitor.

ORIENTATION WORKERS NEEDED

The Admissions Office is trying to find workers for this year's Apache Orientation.

Students must have a minimum of 2.5 GPA and be in good standing with the college.

Students can earn a scholarship of up to \$750 if they are selected for the program.

STUDENTS USE SNOW AS WEAPON

Snow is a rare occurrence in East Texas, and some students created some trouble with the snow.

Campus Safety officers said March 7 they were called out to Sledge Hall after students were reportedly throwing snowballs at cars.

No damage was reported and the students were all warned by officers.

LUMINANT ACADEMY OPENS

Classes are underway in the new Luminant Academy on the TJC West Campus.

The 24,000 square foot, two floor facility opened March 3 on the Tyler Junior College West Campus.

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New issue of Bell Tower released

by Faith Harper
Managing Editor

The 2008 edition of the Bell Tower has hit TJC newsstands.

"It's a joint venture between fine art, graphic art, and English," said Torrey Wylie, graphic arts instructor.

The Bell Tower is a magazine that is published yearly and is entirely student generated. Graphic arts students design the cover and work with the layout, while the pages are filled with an assortment of writings, photos, and paintings.

"We started this last year because there wasn't a publication that highlighted the creative talents of TJC students," said Dr. Linda Gary, founder and senior editor for the Bell Tower.

Students submitted their entries earlier in the semester, and a selection committee evaluated them, came together, and picked the entries that made this issue.

"We had a collective idea on the quality that we were looking for," said Derrick White, member of the editorial board for the Bell Tower. "[This is] art, so it affects people differently, and people have very different subjective opinions about what makes quality art. We were open to that, discussed it, and picked the ones that made it."

The Bell Tower has grown in its two years of publication. Last year, 100 pieces were submitted, 22



Photo by Jessica Swink

were chosen, and a 40-page magazine was produced.

This year, 250 pieces were submitted, 42 were chosen, and a 48-page magazine was produced.

"It is awesome to see the words that mean so much to me come to life in print," said Jennah Rose, sophomore English major and Bell Tower writer.

Copies are available in Jenkins hall outside the dean's office, in the art department lobby, Vaughn library and the Rogers Student Center.

"The final assortment of artwork, poetry, stories, and essays that we have chosen reflects the great talent of our students," said Bethany Flanders, president of the Sigma Kappa Delta honor society and member of the selection committee for the Bell Tower. "I know that everyone who picks up a copy will enjoy reading it as much as I did."



Photo by Kayla Tracy

TOWERING SUCCESS Bell Tower contributors pose with current issue at release party on March 5.

APACHE SPIRIT

by Kennis Bell
Calendar Editor

Former mascot embodies Apache Pride

It's Saturday night football madness at TJC. The Apache Belles strut in the stadium to the beat of the Apache Punch. The band marches behind the Belles' glide stepping with precessions and accuracy while playing a familiar tune. The crowd yells and cheers while the cheerleaders run and flip to greet and hype up the crowd. There is only one thing missing, one thing to complete the cheer squad, one thing to sow up a win for TJC.

With feathers going down his back and paint on his face, Andy Navarro awaits the moment of the big reveal. As he runs across the field doing his familiar Apache dance, Andy realizes he has found his home, he has found TJC.

Andres 'Andy' Navarro was born on Jan. 8, 1962 in Eagle Pass, Texas to Jesus and Francisca Navarro. Andy was one of 11 children.

"We were the complete opposite of the Brady Bunch. I grew up on a working ranch. We raised cattle, sheep and goats," said Navarro. "My daily chorus ranged anywhere from riding horses, rounding up cattle or mending fences."

The most difficult season on the Navarro ranch was winter.

"We didn't have any central heat, therefore, we had only blankets and wood stoves to keep us warm," said Navarro.

Navarro grew up in a religious home and is a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

"My mom and dad were prayer-oriented people, we were always grateful for what we had. We would wake up with prayer and pray before we went to sleep. We also attended church every Sunday," said Navarro.

Navarro attended Leakey Public Schools and was on the football, basketball, baseball and track teams.

"My family always believed in working hard and playing hard," said Navarro. "I also was the valedictorian of my high school graduating class of only 21 people."

Navarro came to TJC by way of his oldest brother Gilbert.

"My oldest brother lived in Tyler at the time, and TJC has a great reputation and being able to go to school and work was a plus for me," said Navarro. "TJC was the perfect pick. It was in the perfect town and was the perfect college. It was perfect for me."

While at TJC, Navarro majored in general studies and was the Apache mascot. Navarro's duties

as the mascot were to help the cheerleaders and to cheer on the team to victory.

"He came to me and said that he would like to be the mascot, everyone liked him," said Emma Lou Prater, cheerleading sponsor at the time. "He would do his war dance and Apache dance every time the team would make a touchdown. Andy has made TJC and Tyler very proud."

Navarro viewed being the mascot as a great experience in which he met many friends.

"I loved every aspect of the campus, but what I liked the most was meeting new people. The great ones like Floyd Wagstaff, Linda Cross, and Ray Noland," said Navarro. "I was the mascot for one year, and the next year I played intramural basketball and football."

Navarro graduated Magna Cum Laude from TJC in 1982. He continued his studies at Centenary College where he majored in business.

"I was interested in business and Centenary College was a Methodist school," said Navarro.

At Centenary College, Navarro met his other half and life-long partner Linda Ann Keiser.

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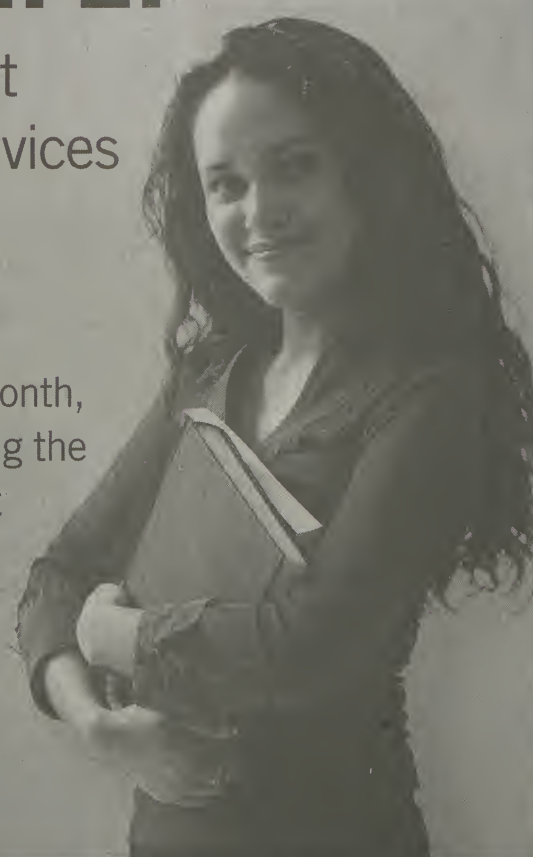


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TOURNAMENT REVIEW



APACHE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM at practice before the Regional Tournament.

Photo by Jessica Swink

Men's and Women's teams fall short

By Shanita Brown
Sports Co-Editor

The Apache men and women basketball teams have had a great season both coming close and ending short.

The Apache women who moved up in the NJCAA poll in December to the top 5 ended the season with a 22-9 record.

"We just play one game at a time, I don't even want to look at the playoffs until Panola is over," said head coach Trenia Tillis-Jones.

Yoshica Spears sophomore forward stepped up for her team in the Region Tournament by crashing the boards, pulling up and taking up slack and encouraging her teammates.

Three months ago the Lady Apaches were in 5th place after beating the top three teams in their conference at least once Blinn, Angelina and Trinity Valley and had a good chance of coming in second place to qualify for the playoffs.

"You can sit there and try to assume, but you can't predict in our conference. Our conference is tough," said Jones.

The three sophomores Yoshica Spears, April Murphy, and Chasity Shavers who have been to the playoffs before stepped up, became dominant and did what they had to do to get to the playoffs.

Over the break, the Lady Apaches gave it all they had in the Region tournament but fell short and their season ended on March 9.

The Apache men basketball team climbed into the tenth spot in the NJCAA poll with a record of 25-4 and Coach Marquis having 400 wins under his belt.

"We entered the ranking late in the game. Usually there's not that much room left in the NJCCA polls, but we were able to win a lot of games in a row and that helped us to climb up the charts I think we've been high as 8th so far this year," said Coach Marquis.

"We just play one game at a time, I don't even want to look at the playoffs."

— Trenia Tillis-Jones
Apache Ladies Basketball Head Coach

Although they are already the Conference Title champs, Coach Marquis thanks his players for their hard work on and off the court.

The Apache men were looking forward to bringing home a National title but they were unable to after playing a hard tight triple overtime game against Panola falling short 123-121.

Sophomore guard Randall Hampton contributed to the win against Panola by passing the ball, stepping up as a point guard and penetrating.

They had to win three games to go to the national tournament.

Joseph Fulce a freshman forward from Plano, Texas has been a great asset to his team this season by thinking positive and trying to help his team win in every way he could by "playing my role, helping my team out and doing what the coach says, rebounding and playing hard defensively," said Fulce.

For more information about the men and women basketball teams go to www.apacheathletics.com.

Apache baseball gets rocky start

By Spenser Redd
Staff Writer

The Tyler Junior College Apaches championship baseball team has gotten off to a rocky start, but that does not mean they will not repeat this year.

In conference play their record is 5-7, which is more losses now than they had all last season but it is still early and they have many more games to play.

Coach John Groth believes that they are in a very difficult conference and what makes it even harder is that everybody wants to beat the number one team, that not only has the championship title under their belt, but also has bragging rights until some team is bold enough to take them away from them.

The expectations that Coach Groth has for his championship team is always higher than they were the previous year.

"Whenever you do something special the bar is set higher. I have been coaching here 15 years and winning a championship is always our goal," said Groth. "With this tough conference we have to have higher expectations if we expect to repeat."

None of his expectations have changed so far simply because they play more than 50 games in a season and are third of the way through the season.

"You do not have to be the best to beat the best," said Groth.

Groth is pleased with the team's performance thus far. The last conference game the Apaches were down in the last inning, and with two outs left they were able to come back and win.

At the beginning of the fall 2007 semester an incident occurred that caused 11 players to miss the first 14 games of the season, which hurt the team because among those 11 were a few of the players that were on last year's

championship team.

Coach Groth was very disappointed in them for making mistakes and breaking the team rules.

"Winning is not everything. I believe in integrity over winning," said Groth.

The team hosted the NJCAA World Series last year, and played in it and won it.

"Fifteen years of coaching we have gone to the playoffs plenty of times, but last year was our first World Series and being able to host it and win it made us very excited," said Groth.

Team member Payton Diers died Oct. 8, 2007 after a fatal car accident. The team agrees he was great player, friend and role model to many people.

"We will honor Diers by the way we play," said Groth. "Life can be snuffed out in a heartbeat and you have to make the most of each day. I have a great group of kids who devote every day to Diers, and I can say I am proud to be their coach."

Freshman Colby Welsh a pitcher out of Weatherford, is very excited to be apart of a championship team known around the U.S.

"I have to keep working hard," said Welsh. "Everybody here is good enough to play, it just depends on how bad you want it... If I could give Payton one final message it would be, I wish you were here pitching with us."

Mike McCollum is a short-stop out of Beaumont, is honored to be apart of the team that took the NJCCA World Series title his freshman year.

"This is a good group of guys that I get to play with," said McCollum. "We are starting out pretty slow but I feel like there will be a turn around real soon... If I could give one final message to Payton it would be we miss you and love you, it is not the same out here without you wish you were here."

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APACHE SPORTS SCHEDULE

Football springs forth

By Jason Lewis
Sports Co-Editor

After ending their season last fall, with a 5-4 record, TJC Apache Football makes its return to campus this spring.

Spring training allows returning freshman players opportunity to challenge themselves with stiff competition in hopes of earning a position on next season's roster.

"Spring training gives the returning lettermen a chance to be in football activities, [which consist of] scrimmages, contact drills, and we install both offense and defense," said TJC Football Head Coach Danny Palmer. "And [spring training] gives to the red shirt program, players paying their own way [not on scholarship], a chance to make the spring roster."

Despite last year's record, Coach Palmer believes that returning players in key areas of the team will make TJC a top competitor in their division.

"Coming back on offense I'm really looking forward to it, because we have all the starters returning, with the exception of Nick Peoples and Clay Tucker," said Coach Palmer.

"The sophomores, who left and went on to other school, showed a lot of leadership when they didn't have to. Our sophomore group really provided leadership at the end of the year when we needed it, and sometimes that is unusual with a new coach," said Coach Palmer, "I want those sophomores to know that they were my sophomores."

Palmer believes that his returning team is filled with leaders capable of making the same impact as his out-going sophomores did this past season. With names like Wide Receiver Alonzo Adams, Quarterback Steven Schwark, Running Backs Chris Davis and Ke Ke Gant, and former walk-on Ira Duckworth, Coach Palmer feels excited to begin the 08-09 season.



"The strength of our team is our offensive line and our defensive secondary. [Spring training] helps us by getting the young guys in pads and see how they perform under pressure."

The pressure, Coach Palmer is referring to, is the filmed scrimmages in which players are evaluated and graded on their performance from every play. Then the coaches will compose a temporary spring training roster listing 85 of both lettermen and red shirt players.



Photos by Kamren Thompson

LEFT TOP Offensive linemen set to enage their defensive counterparts.
LEFT BOTTOM Malcom Patrick #18, Jimmy Kennedy #35, Adrian McDuff #24 wait their turn.
ABOVE Deodrick Brownlow #88 and Anthony Swain #81 practice passing drills.

This roster will determine the final players invited back in the fall for team tryouts and may ultimately decide starting positions.

"Spring training gives those kids that are in the red shirt program a chance to see what they can do. Can they benefit? Can they contribute to the team? A lot of them could even earn scholarships," said Palmer.

Drew Chasney, Jake King, Chris Koehler, Broderick Marshall, George Pierson, Kyle and Ryan Rogget, Daniel Seahorn, and Josh Zamora are prime examples of those who benefited from the Apache Football program, all have all received four year offers from various institutions.

Little Audrey's poolside party was a disaster. She had asked everyone to wear foot thongs for the occasion. Gramma and Grampa misunderstood.

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CONCERT

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audience to a special event that showcased many talented musicians. As TJC's wind ensemble took the stage to perform first, each musician took their time tuning his or her instruments to the unique sound set by the oboe. With a formal step to the podium, all eyes looked up to Mensch and waited for a signal to start. With a twist of the wrist and a nod by Mensch, TJC's wind ensemble performed the tune of "Blue Lake Overture," "Irish Tune from County Derry," "Barnum and Bailey's Favorites," and "Courtly Airs and Dances."

"We rehearsed for our performance for a couple weeks into the semester," said Mensch. "I think we [TJC] performed very well. It was the first time we performed on that stage, which is different than the Wise Auditorium. It was ex-

citing to perform on a great stage acoustically," said Mensch.

Next up on stage was the UT-Tyler wind ensemble. After tuning his musicians, Dr. Emge stepped up on stage, raised his arms and signaled a strong drum roll to start of the tune of "Don Ricardo." The UT-Tyler ensemble followed with performing the tunes of "Cajun Folk Songs II," "Dance Variations," and "Suite Provencale." At the end of their performance, the two ensembles scrambled about the stage gathering music stands and chairs for their joint performance. As everyone settled into their seats, Dr. Emge stepped up on stage, tuned his new group of musicians, and lifted his arms to start this monumental performance. The combined ensembles performed "Symphony No. 5-IV.

Allegro non Troppo." The united ensemble played strong and vibrantly and created one complete sound - one ensemble.

"We only rehearsed for about 30 minutes on the joint ensemble," said Mensch. "I think that it came out very well."

The musicians also enjoyed the experience.

"It was amazing," said Jasmine Freeman, who plays clarinet for the TJC wind ensemble. "We had been waiting for it a long time. It was different. We really like the fact of playing at the Cowan Center.... at a university."

So is this the start of a tradition for the TJC wind ensemble?

"We're discussing that possibility for one [next year]," said Mensch. "[Possibly] branching out to other ensembles as well."

NAVARRO

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"I was actually shooting around in the gym after an intramural game when she walked in just before the women's basketball team practice. We started shooting around and conversing and that how it happened," said Navarro.

Navarro graduated Cum Laude from Centenary College leaving behind the love of his life.

"I graduated in 1984 and continued to law school at Southern Methodist University, Linda didn't graduate until 1985," said Navarro.

Upon graduation at SMU, Navarro landed a job at Ramey, Flock, Crawford, Harper, and Collins Law Firm where he served as an associate.

"At the law firm we dealt with

business/commercial law," said Navarro. "Flock was a long-time TJC trustee that recently past away."

After working at the firm for 10 years, Navarro tried a change in atmosphere.

"I currently serve as the General Counsel for Trinity Mother Frances Health Systems," said Navarro. "It's different from working at a firm because you only have one client and you are in the courtroom less. They are both very challenging though. I have been working at Trinity Mother Frances for 11 years."

Navarro has three children Sara Mari (16), Cori Jo (14), and Matthew Milam (7).

Navarro also holds numerous

awards and recognitions but only one stands out and makes him proud. Navarro was the recipient of the 1998 "Valuable Young Alumni" award by the alumni association.

"I love TJC and was honored to receive an award from the school," said Navarro.

Navarro believes in giving back to the Tyler community and serves on various boards and non-profit organizations.

He has taught his children many things but focuses mainly on core values.

"It's better to be poor and have a good reputation than to be wealthy and not have a quality character," said Navarro.

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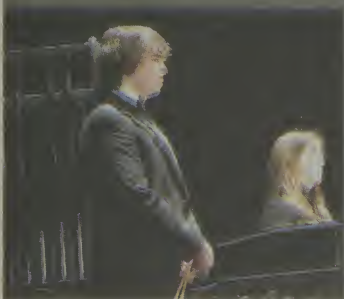
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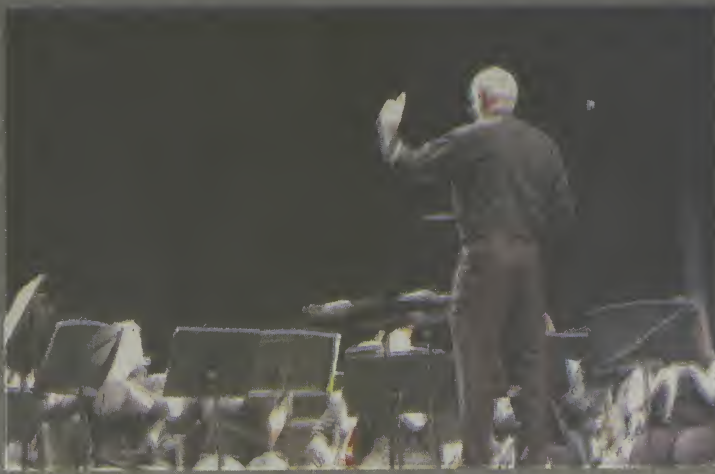
TJC and UT Tyler's Musical Collaboration



TJC STUDENTS perform first at the joint concert. (Photos by Jessica Swink)



UT TYLER STUDENTS perform before the joining with TJC for joint performance. (Photos by Jessica Swink)



By Stephanie Spencer
A & E Editor

The Tyler Junior College Wind Ensemble joined with the UT-Tyler Wind Ensemble on March 6 at the Cowan Center for a memorable joint concert.

For the very first time, TJC and UT held a concert together in which both bands united and performed as one.

"Dr. Emge and I, over the last couple of years, have thought about it [joint concert]," said TJC Band Director, Thomas Mensch. "Dr. Emge brought it up, so I guess you can give him the credit," added Mensch.

Inside the Vaughn Auditorium, fellow students, family and friends quickly found their seats while the UT-Tyler wind ensemble warmed up on stage. UT Band Director Jeffrey Emge stepped away from the podium and welcomed the

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Art ATTACKS

By Brian Wiggins
Staff Writer

There have been a series of attacks taking place all over the TJC campus. Art Attacks. An Art Attack is not something to be worried about.

It is promotional program where works of art are left by the TJC Art Club to encourage stu-

dents to attend their weekly meetings.

The Art Attack program started over a year and a half ago with a piece in the Potter building. The first piece consisted of a combination of geometric and organic shapes that the club members adhered to a wall. That piece of art has long since been taken down but there have been Art Attacks

deployed to several different locations around the campus.

Each piece of art is designed and built by members of the art club. Some are taken down quickly while others, such as the large black structures in the Genecov building's central walkway, are more permanent.

The art club doesn't inform anyone of where the next Art Attack will be located and they don't ask permission to place their art. The Art Attacks are meant to be spontaneous and unexpected. The only real requirement for choosing a location is that the art doesn't block the flow of traffic.

"You never know when we're going to strike," said professor Derrick White, the Art Club's faculty sponsor.

The Art Club's two fold goal of spicing up the TJC campus along with attracting students to their weekly meetings seem to be working.

The club has seen more students show up because of the Art Attacks White said. What's more, students and teachers alike seem to appreciate the art pieces.

"They give the otherwise dull buildings a bit of flare," said TJC Student Allyn Coates.

The Art Club meets on Wednesdays at noon in the art area located on the bottom floor of the Jenkins building.

For more information on the Art Attack program or the TJC Art Club in general you can contact Derrick White at dwhi@tjc.edu or at 903-510-2233.



ART ATTACKS

TJC Art Club students place art around campus as part of the Art Attack Program. All 3 art pieces were sculpted by the TJC Sculpture class.

Photos by Brian Wiggins

'Little Shop' brings big crowds

By Jaclyn Basilone
Staff Writer

Sadistic dentists, florist shop owners, two lonely hearts and a blood sucking, flesh eating plant came to life at Tyler Junior College on the Wise Auditorium stage this past month.

Rebecca Faulds directed "Little Shop of Horrors" for the first time at TJC.

"I'm nervous right now," said Faulds before the show started. The producer spoke of how she never really did a play quite like this before.

Originally "Little Shop of Horrors" was an Off-Broadway comedy written by Howard Ashman and composed by Alan Menken that was later converted into a movie. Both were based on a low-budget film directed by Roger Corman in 1960. The story is about a florist who breeds a new type of plant that feeds and thrives on human blood.

Unlike many of the other programs put on by TJC, "Little Shop of Horrors" received a PG-13 rating. Faulds, the director, said she was a little concerned about the content being too strong for the younger kids.

"It's not like the Disney plays," she said.

The play boasts about 21 actors, all of which have their own special way of adding to the play.

"Each of the actors definitely added to the depth of the play no matter how small the role. Like the dentist, he was a great addition even though he was a smaller character," said Amanda Pierce, a TJC student and audience member.

"Little Shop of Horrors" attracted a bigger crowd each night it played and say a great crowd interaction at each showing.

Because the play is so different from the type of plays the Tyler Junior College Speech and Theatre Department usually produces, it allowed the actors to have a lot of fun with their characters.

"I just got into the whole music thing this past fall. This is my first acting experience," said Andy Smith who played Orin, the semi-sadistic dentist.

Krystal King, one of the Audrey II puppeteers stated that she thought the show was gradually getting better as performances went on.

"The show took way more work than

you would think," she said. "We rehearsed for six weeks and our rehearsals were from 6 o'clock usually until about 9 at night. We worked hard on this."



Art Club Movies

By Faith Harper
Managing Editor

The Art Club invites all movie lovers to join them for a free film with a discussion every Thursday.

Some of the movies on the Calendar include: "Across the Universe," "One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest," "The Devil and Daniel Johnston," "Super Size Me," and "Little Miss Sunshine."

"As an extension of our art club meetings, on Thursday [we] meet from 9 till 11 to watch films in the lobby," said Derrick White, faculty sponsor for the art club.

The members of the art club come together to suggest movies that they would like to see. The movies are picked based upon what is available and what is popular. Sometimes they have a theme and sometimes they do not. The schedule is not set in stone and is subject to change. The schedule is available at www.tjc.edu/tjcartclub.

"Last Thursday we had on the schedule 'Bowling for Columbine,' but out of respect for the Northern Illinois shooting, we decided not to view the film. Everything on our schedule is subject to change," said White. "We watched a different documentary instead called 'Confessions of a Superhero,' about people who live in Hollywood and dress up as super heroes and beg for money out on the street."

It is a very informal process. A movie is picked, and watched. A discussion follows the movie. The art club welcomes all students to join them on Thursday morning for a movie, and encourages them to join the art club.

"Anyone that is interested in films and discussion is welcome to join," said White. "If they are interested in joining the art club we would be more than happy to talk to them about it. It's the most dynamic student organization on campus."



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"I think students should enjoy college."

— Scott Nalley

SECOND PROMISE FULFILLED

Student Activities promote a Vibrant Student Life

by Shane Smith Staff Writer

Tyler Junior College has been fulfilling the three promises of a quality education, a vibrant student life and community service since 1926. The second of these promises, a vibrant student life, is kept through the Student Activities organizing of concerts and events for the TJC students to attend.

Student Activities juggle up to four events per week on average. Examples of these events include an R&B Hip-Hop concert featuring Yung Joc, Cherish and Black Violin, which was held on March 19. More examples of this include a Camp Apache, Homecoming events, Activities Fair, dances and movies. An upcoming event will be the Recycle Percussion on April 7.

Student Activities Director Scott Nalley feels students can learn as much through on campus activities as they would in the classroom.

"We think students should enjoy college," said Scott Nalley, a TJC faculty member of 19 years. "I've

been in student activities a long time. I enjoyed college, and that's why I have this job."

The Student Activities department is in charge of maintaining a vibrant student life through concerts and other event that TJC students can attend.

"The three promises of TJC are not so much for recruiting new students, it's giving students a different side of what education is about," said Vincent Nguyen, also a TJC student activities member. Nguyen also believes that it's important for the students to learn the benefits of giving back to the community, "with education and being connected to the college they can give back. It helps them understand how important it is to give back."

None of these projects and student activities would be possible if it wasn't for money spent to provide the entertainment. TJC students have a great opportunity to take advantage of these concerts and

events all for the single price of the \$26 student life fee at the beginning of the school year.

"The March 19, Wise Auditorium R&B/Hip-Hop concert is going to be free for students thanks to the student life fee. If we want to cook hamburgers and hotdogs for the students, now we can hire people for entertainment, it's from the student life fee. The ideas have to be run through SSFAC before it is passed. The fee provides services, entertainment, and allows organizations to do things that we've never been able to do. It's changed the way we do business."

Nguyen and Nalley are just two of the many people involved with the student activities center of TJC trying to find new ways for students to enjoy their time here.

"It's more than just fun and games. Student Activities' mission is to seek out new programs and new experiences for students," said Nalley

Assistance offered to returning students

By Adrian Mosley
Staff Writer

The phrase "it is never too late" can be apply to students returning to college to further their education.

Getting back into school after a period of time can be challenging, so Tyler Junior College offers assistance to returning students through the Adult Students Services program.

This program is designed to assist adults that are either attending college for the first time or re-

turning after an extended absence. They offer assistance with things such as child care, transportation, and book loans.

Mar' Shelia Lester, nursing student, like many of her classmates, is returning to school with the goal of a major career change.

Like many places of employment, Lester's offers her assistance with going to school to make it less stressful for her.

"My place of employment is very supportive of me going to college," said Lester, "they give me hours off to attend class and they

even grant students with a \$200 education award for each semester completed."

Theo Brooks has returned to TJC with the goal of receiving his associates in business administration.

Brooks receives assistance through student loans and the Department of Rehabilitation Services (DARS).

"I was kind of in doubt when I took out a student loan to pay for college," said Brooks. "I'm not worried [anymore] because I know once I get my career started, I will

have the money to pay all of [my loans] off."

Free adult student workshops are held several times a year. These workshops are available to anyone 21 years or older interested in returning to college. Advanced registration is urged for these workshops. The next adult student workshop will be held Mar. 19 from 8:30 until noon.

For registration information contact the TJC Support Services office at 903-510-2395 or visit <http://www2.tjc.edu/adultservices> for more information.

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Blood drive helps student in need

By Faith Harper
Managing Editor

Students came together to donate 15 units of blood in an emergency blood drive held on March 7 in front of the Wagstaff Gymnasium.

The drive was organized for a Tyler Junior College student named Joseph Heeger who was in a serious motorcycle accident on Feb. 27. Heeger flew through a windshield, after a man pulled out in front of him, on Broadway.

"He broke everything except his head, neck, and his spine," said TJC freshman and friend, Kayla Irizarry. "There was no paralysis, but he has a lot of bones to reconstruct and a lot of things to put back together."

While there is no spinal paralysis or damage to internal organs, Joe has already gone through many surgeries. His left arm was broken six times in inch-sized pieces, and the smaller bone in his arm is missing a piece about seven inches in length. He has had a complete reconstruction of his left knee, and one of hips is in a halo because it is broken into several pieces.

"He had bones sticking out of his arms. When [doctors] were doing surgeries on them, they told him that they had to go back to WWI surgery plans of how to deal with broken bones because they did not know how to deal with them. They had to research it," said TJC freshman and friend Jacob Hardy.

While Heeger has been through many surgeries, he is recovering quickly, and is now able to sit up in a wheelchair.

"[Doctors] said that he would be in ICU for three weeks, and he was out within five days. He is healing very fast," said Hardy. "He is undergoing rehab right now. They are trying to get him to move his limbs and stuff like that."

Through it all, the TJC community, his friends, and his church

have been there to help Heeger.

"He has cards and food galore and candy that he can't eat because he has a broken jaw. He tells us to eat his candy for him," said Hardy.

"The little kids at church signed a huge card that they made [out of] one of those big poster boards and signed it," said Irizarry. "There is about an eight inch piece of [his] bone that nobody could find in the wreckage, and one of the little boys set out to find the bone on Broadway."

Blood can still be donated in Heeger's name. Students can donate at one of the drives happening on campus in April.

"April is regional university and college blood drive awareness month," said Dianne Martin, who is in charge of donor recruitment and consultation for Carter Blood Care Stewart Center.

In honor of April, Sigma Kap-

pa Delta will be hosting a drive on April 8 in the Apache Rooms, and Associate Degree Nursing Program is hosting a drive on April 14.

Anyone that donates will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gas card, and at the end of the month; someone will win a card worth a year's worth of free gas, or \$1200.

Students wanting their blood to go toward Heeger need to tell the workers at the time of donation.

"Someone uses blood in Smith County about every two seconds," said Martin. "Over 44,000 units of blood are used in the United States every day."

For more information on what to expect when donating, or to schedule an appointment to donate contact Dianne Martin at (903) 571-8200.



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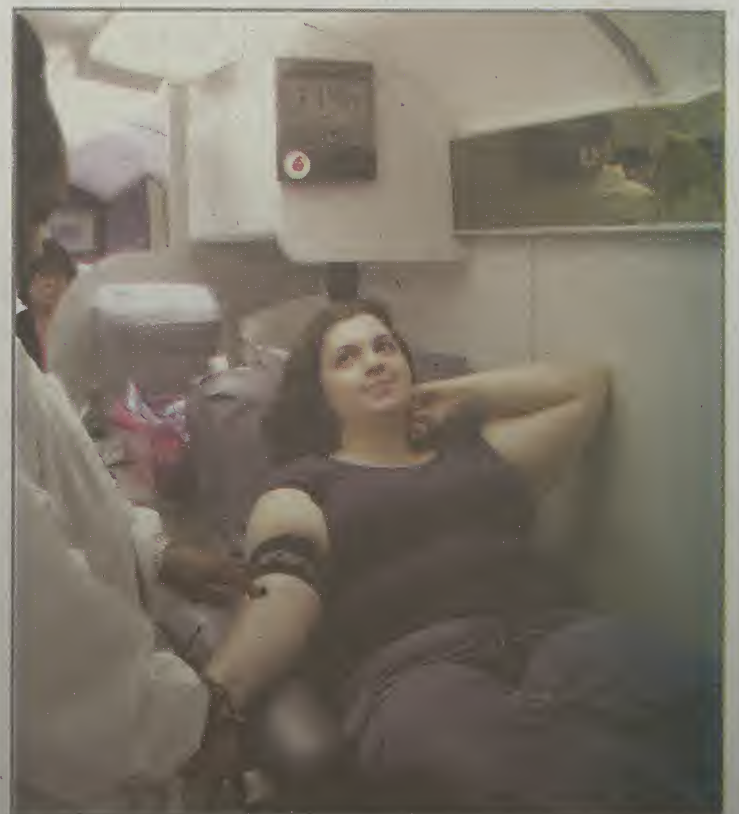


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HELPING A FRIEND Sophomore Elizabeth Beard gives blood for the first time to help her church friend, Joseph Heeger, in his time of need.

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